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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in fiscal year 2024 for Pace Suburban Bus to purchase five new battery-electric paratransit busses. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pace Suburban Bus, 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

The funding will be used for the purchase of five battery-electric paratransit busses for use in McHenry County, Illinois. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new vehicles would allow Pace to demonstrate the technology in an exurban environment, would benefit Pace through reduced maintenance costs and avoidance of volatile fuel prices, District 11 transit riders would benefit from more modern, comfortable buses and the entire community would benefit from cleaner air.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized under section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Bill Foster

Member of Congress

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